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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Official Action mailed August 27, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 8 as follows:

8. A method for the treatment of retina or optic nerve head neuropathy associated with glaucoma which comprises administering to a mammal a composition comprising an effective amount of one or more neurotrophic factor stimulators and a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii) a "marked-up" version of the amendment is attached to this Amendment.

REMARKS

Claim 8 has been amended; Claims 8 – 14 are pending.

Claims 8, 9, 11, and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Takeda Chem Ind., Ltd. for the reason set forth on page 2 of the Office Action